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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE B

The finality of the last Office Action mailed on October 1, 2004, was premature. In the last Office Action, claims 1-26 were rejected for the first time in view of the U.S. Patent of Colgan, et al. No. 6,648,902. Claims 1-26 had not been previously amended, and therefore finally rejecting the claims for the first time in view of the Colgan reference

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was premature. The finality of the rejection should therefore be withdrawn, the Supplement to Amendment and Response A filed October 6, 2004, should therefore be considered, and the amendments of the claims presented herein should be entered.